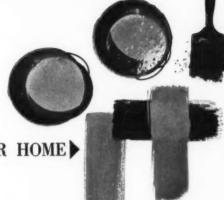
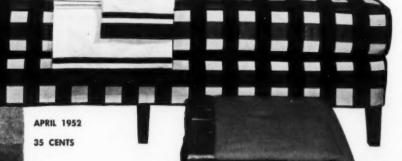
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DAVID RANDOLPH



BETTY SLATER AFTER THE FLOOD

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GRAPHIC ARTS AWARD

EVER SINCE 1880, The Women's Institute has run a community center in Yonkers, New York. Although a small endowment and the town's community chest provide for ordinary maintenance, the Institute can seldom manage big repair jobs. When a decision was made recently for a big redecoration project, Miss Eva Chubb, Director of the Institute, told LFYH about the plans and asked if we would help. We accepted readily. Now the project is nearly complete. Later on, we'll show you their new children's library on these pages-and at that time report on the children and the community that made this inspiring project a reality. ROUNDING UP THE FARRICS to be used in our decorating features is a job that requires research. Bee Ames, of our decorating department, who handles this job, finds it interesting, provocative work. It was Bee who brought us the fabrics you find in this issue's feature on color (Color-Cast Your Home, pages 54-65), and it was she who introduced us to the new designs in denim, now such a big favorite, which we used in our budget feature (Live High on a Low Budget, February, 1952, page 34). Bee tells us that much of this research often provides her with unusual data. For example, once at a museum, she discovered a canopy bed, covered with fabric made in England in the 1700s, and was told that more than 100 years later, in 1860, this same fabric was reproduced in America. Amazing? More than that-today, almost another 100 years later, Bee found this fabric still on the market! "Is there anything new under the sun?" Bee asks. We wonder. . . THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME when David Randolph (Music for Living, page 132) could talk about music in dry lifeless, technical terms, As Mr. Randolph explains it, he "is devoted to music as a means of communication, but above and beyond this, I am devoted to an interest in people." Like many of us. Mr. Randolph was first introduced to music with four years of piano lessons to which he reacted like most other children, but which ultimately led him to a Master's Degree in

Music. Now he has his own radio program, heard on WNYC and 62 other stations throughout the country. He has done intermission talks for Metropolitan Opera, teaches an adult music course at New York University, and conducts his own musical group, The Randolph Singers. As the author of our Music for Living columns, Mr. Randolph aims to please record collectors of every sort; to give the best selection of classical recordings available, and to help take the mumbo jumbo out of classics without resorting to false popularization. WHILE WORKING TOWARDS THE DEADLINE On her assignment for Outdoor Living (see page 66) Betty Slater, our West Coast editor, her husband, Lan. and their friends were trapped in a Los Angeles flood, trying to survive an avalanche of mud that came down a 500-foot cliff above their house. For one whole night and day they dug trenches to keep the mud diverted and rolling down the road past their house. If anyone got too drenched and hungry to go on digging, he'd go into the Slaters' kitchen, toss his wet clothes into the clothes dryer, have some coffee, and emerge 15 minutes later, refreshed. As Betty puts it, "This flood was the most fantastic, nightmarish experience I have ever had. I've been marooned in the Chilean Andes-walked fourteen miles over the border into Argentina to get out; Len and I were once arrested by the political police in Warsaw, but nothing, ever, was quite like this." Betty took photographs in the nick of time. It's doubtful if some of those gardens are still intact. BECAUSE LFYH considers itself a laboratory of experiment in the graphic arts, we take great pride in the letters from readers who complinent us on our illustrations and photographs. Recently, when The American Institute of Graphic Arts announced a magazine competition to exhibit the year's most successful graphic arts experiments, we entered the contest and selected our representative work with the help of reader letters. The certificate of excellence we received on the entries (June 1950, January 1951, March 1951) entitled us to participate in the exhibition.

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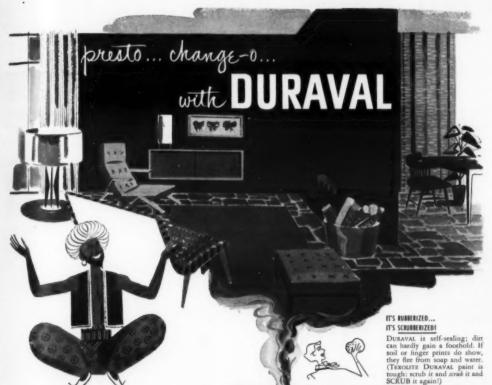
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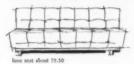


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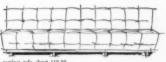


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CHECK, YOUR MOVE

Dear LFYH:

Speaking as the wife of a navy man with eight years of moving from base to base behind us, I give four stars to Joanne Wheeler's moving plan (Living on the Mave, December, 1951). Unfortunately, we can't always follow it completely; but, as she said, it's an ideal to try for.

This life is a bit hectic at times, yet as a rule. I think it's fun to take the varied types of places we land in and see the miracles you can perform with a little paint, cloth, muscle, and imagination.

Jane Schmidt Oucens Village, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We like your magazine, and the recent article by the army wife on moving around was of particular interest to us as we are also a service family. But we'd like a more down-to-earth plan of attack. We can't do anything like that on ten days' (a little more or a little less) notice. Service husbands are quite often not around for opening and closing homes. There are thousands of us who are fortunate to have spent one full year in one place. We've learned a great deal from experience, but we still need a lot of advice

Mrs. Roy K. Angell Lynchburg, Virginia

WHEN DO YOU SAY "I DO?"

Dear Sires

I have read thoroughly Dr. James F. Bender's article When You Say "I Do" in your April, 1951, issue. After reading his article, I passed it around to the other teen-agers and parents and they read it. The majority who read it seem to disagree with you when you say the ideal marrying age for girls is twenty-four years, and for boys, twenty-nine years. We all seem to think that from seventeen to twenty years for the girl, and nineteen to twenty years for the boy are the ideal ages. Our reason for thinking this is that when the couple is younger their chances for adjusting the selves to each other are been than when the boys and girls an older.

Could you give us your opinion so we can consider which the right and wrong ages for marrying?

Miss Madeline Phillim Elkins, West Virginia

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is Dr. Ben der's reply : "The ideal marrying ages to which I referred (twenty four years for the bride twenty-nine years for the groom) mean that there are fewer & torces on record when marriage are made at those ages then a any other age combinations.

"You see, when people many too young, they are ordinarily not meture enough emotionelly to withstand the strain of human relations that marriage imposes today. As you probably know, there is a tendency for American to marry at earlier ages. Perhaps that is why, in part, the diserce rate continues to soar."

TEXAS TALKS TIMBER

Dear Editors:

I have just been admiring Architect Braden's house in Dallas. (How Architects Build for Themselves, February, 1952.) However, were your editors so busy admiring it too that they didn't get a good look at the city? I suspect so, as you say a wooded plot is "a rare thing in Dallas." Nest time you come, let me show you plenty of trees.

> Julia Kettering Dallas, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE: We didn't mean to misrepresent Dallas, We just couldn't see the trees for Mr. Braden's forest!

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A piece off your mind [Continued from page 10]

ings are in Roman numerals for example, III, XIII, etc. As you have often featured articles on reupholstering old furniture, I thought you might be able to advise me whether these markings have any significance respecting the date of manufacture. Donald K. Royal Harrisburg, Pa.

Entron's Note: The Roman numerals on furniture indicate the number of pieces in a saite. Though the furniture may be old, the markings themselves are not indicative of the date of manufacture, as some manufacturers use these markings today.

WITHIN REACH

Dear Sirs:

I think you are doing wonderful work in featuring good design that is within the reach of young people with modest budgets. Your coverage in this field probably exceeds that of all your competitors combined. It must be convincing a significant number that good design need not be priced in the upper regions of the stratosphere. Congratulations. John A. Fisher Dallas, Texas

NEW DEPARTMENT?

Dear Editors:

My wife and I enjoy LIVING For Young Homemakers' modern features. We would like to see a new regular department devoted to introducing young homemakers to modern designers, architects and painters, such as Breuer, Eames. Gropius. Noguchi, Knoll, Nelson, and Saarinen, to mention just a few. It would foster better understanding and wider acceptance of the most logically designed things of our day.

Preston L. Hancock Wichita, Kansas

ENTON'S NOTE: While we have featured the work of these internationally famous men, we hope that they will bear in mind the fact that good design is desired and appreciated by homemakers in many income groups, the moderate as well as the top.

FINE COMB

Dear Editors:

I spend a great deal of time with my two youngsters inside the apartment, especially on dreary days. I am alone most of the time as my husband works during the day and attends school at night. It is, therefore, with a great deal of pleasure that I comb through the pages of your magazine during the evening after the children are in bed. I find a great many excellent ideas in your issues. And I am especially fond of your magazine because it adapts itself so well to young couples like ourselves in a middle-income bracket.

Mrs. John Weich Bronx, N. Y.

CUT OUT FOR HIM

Dear LFYH:

While my husband was overseas I carefully cut out furniture pictures and room settings you had featured to get his approval when he returned. To my surprise, he was most disappointed that I had not saved the whole magazine. (So I'm doing it now.)

Mrs. R. S. De Groote Dayton, Ohio

THE TRADITIONAL SHARE

Dear Sira:

Having finished your recent issue and compared them with the own and compared them with the own as year, ago, I must say I'a pleased. Now we traditional lown are getting our share of ross. For a while it seemed that medern furniture was most featured. I'm glad you're now in balasse.

I loved the fresh, new color scheme and the Victorian furniture you showed in the Colliniapartment in January (Chicaso Old and New). Please keep it up.

Mrs. Occar Abernathy Washington, D. C.

A HOME OF OUR OWN

Dear Sirs:

We're glad to see the many building articles and auggestions in LFYH now. You've always shown us attractive houses, and as we'n building soon, the new emphasis is most welcome. We think it as flects the interests of most of we who know building costs are high, but who would rather put the extra into a home of our own than rent.

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SPADE AND TROWEL

If you have a gardening problem, LIVING For Young Homemakers' garden experts will help solve it for you, Queries of general interest will appear on this page every month. For a prompt reply to more specific and individual problems, send us a stamped, self-addressed envelope,

Q. I have just received three dwarf apple trees from a nursery and notice that each has a large swelling around the trunk, three or four inches above the roots. Is this all right? W. L. T.

A. This is normal. An enlargement always results at the place where the wood of a particular variety has been grafted or budded on the dwarf-rooted stock. In planting, be sure this hulging portion is two inches above the finished ground level.

Q. A neighbor, who is about to sell her house, has offered me three peony plants. I understand peonies should be moved only in autumn; but by that time a new owner will have taken possession of the house. Can I transplant them this spring? B. A.

A. Yes, if you replant immedi-

ately, as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The growth of the plants will be checked somewhat, but they'll be back to normal by the end of the summer.

Q. Does it do any harm to paint the inside of a birdhouse? I have been told that it would keep birds from using it. J.B.V.

A. This is a common belief, but there is plenty of evidence that birds pay little attention to the paint after it is dry and has lost all trace of a paint smell.

Q. We have a lilac bush that has been in a low, wet part of the yard for several years and has not grown well. It gets plenty of sun, the soil is rich but heavy. Can you explain this? W.T.S.

A. There could be several reasons for this. Probably the poorly-drained character of the location is the chief one. You might try putting in a line of tile drainpipe about a foot below the surface, with a slight downward slope from the bush to a dry well (a large, deep hole nearly filled with stones), six or eight feet away from the bush. Cover this dry well with tar paper and several inches of soil to bring it up to grade.

Q. What plants would you suggest to make a tall, thick evergreen hedge in a rather shaded area? L. L. B.

A. Canada hemlock. American arborvitae and Japanese yew would all be suitable. They will stand clipping well and can be kept at practically any desired height.

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J. V. V.

A. Unless the plants look an healthy, these dots are at most certainly the normal choters of spores which, in the day of ferns, take the place of regular seeds. They will do no harn, of course.

Q. I have quite a few different seeds, still in the original packets, left over from last you. Do you suppose any of them are still fresh enough to sprout this spring?

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A. Yes, probably most of the will do all right. Before so ing, however, check their ability to germinate by putting a few a each kind of seed between abee of moist blotting paper and kee, in a warm room for several week.

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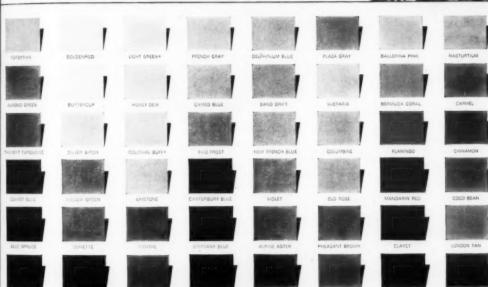


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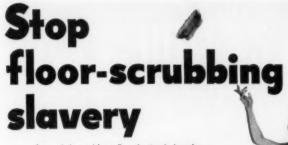
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FRENCH EGGS AND HAM

2 tablespoons minced onion 2 tablespoons bacon drippings

2 tablespoons flour 2 cups sieved tomato pulp salt, cayenne, mace

2 tablespoons butter or margarine 6 thin slices of ham

6 thin stices of ham 2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced bread crumbs

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Sauté the onions in bacon drippings until tender. Add flour and tomato pulp and cook, stirring until smooth. Add seasoning to taste. Sauté ham slices in butter, then place in a baking dish, pouring gravy left over from frying the ham slices. Add a layer of sliced, hard-cooked eggs, then pour on tomato mixture. Sprinkle top with bread crumbs and minced parsley. Bake at 375° F. for 20 minutes. (6 servings.)

FRENCH EGG TARTS
6 baked tart shells
4 hard-cooked eggs
½ cap steamed systers, quartered
1 cup medium white sauce
3 tablespoons catsup
sult and paprika, to taste
systed cheese

Peel and halve the eggs. Chop yolks, combine with oysters, white sauce, catsup, salt, paprika. Fill tart shells, top with egg whites, cut into rings. Sprinkle with cheese and broil until browned. (Will serve six.)

HINDU EGGS

4 hard-cooked eggs, sliced 4 raw eggs, beaten 1 teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon paprika

2 teaspoons curry powder 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs 2 tablespoons melted butter

1/2 cup grated cheese

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Place egg slices in a greased casserole. Pour on beaten eggs. Mix salt, paprika, and curry powder and sprinkle over eggs. Cover with bread crumbs and melted butter (or margarine). Sprinkle with cheese. Bake in medium oven (350° F.) for 20 minutes. (Will make 6 servings.)

ALLERTON EGGS

2 cups potato cubes 5 tablespoons butter or margarine 5 tablespoons flour 2½ cups milk

1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper

4 hard-cooked eggs, separated 2 small cans pimientos, chopped

Parboil the potatoes until tendeuter, then add milk, sitrring until smooth. When mixture boils, add potatoes and egg whinechopped coarsely. Add pimientos, salt and pepper. Sprinkle with sieved egg yolk. Garnish with parsley. (Makes 6-8 servings.) TOMATO CUPS

4 large tomatoes, halved 4 hard-cooked eggs, halved Salt and pepper, to taste mayonnaise

chopped parsley

Cut tomatoes in half and bale
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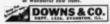


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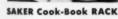


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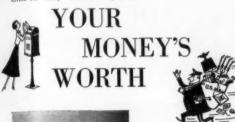




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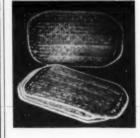
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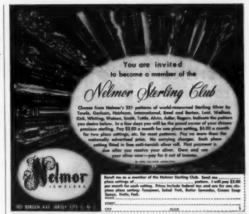
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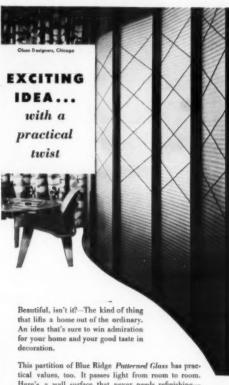
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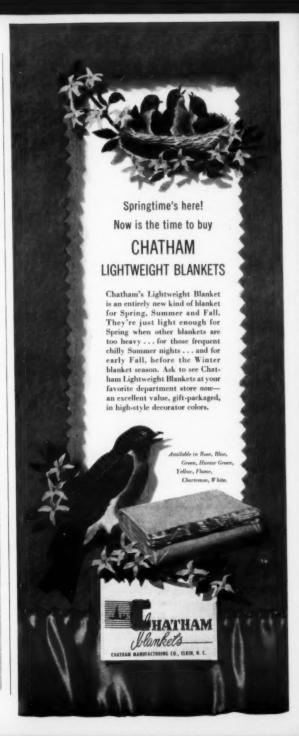
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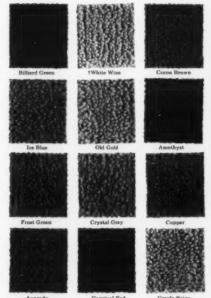
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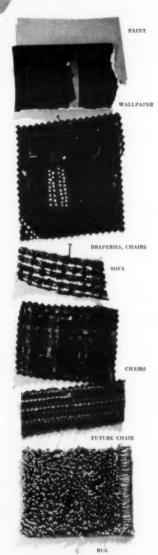
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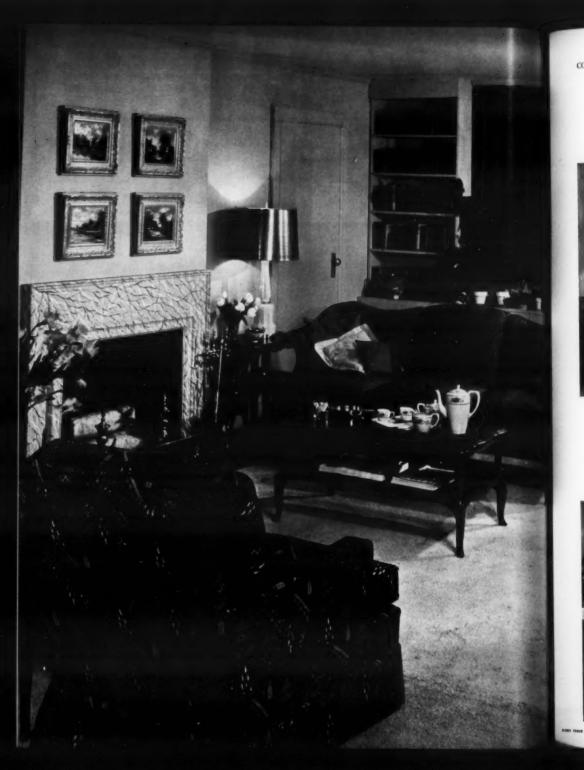
· · · Planning your rooms carefully on paper

The decoration of a room may be a work of art in itself, but if it does not create a background that sets off to greatest advantage the star of the showthe housewife who lives in it-it has not accomplished its most important purpose. This does not mean that the proper setting will turn you into a ravishing beauty; it means simply that the home that is becoming to you can be a more delightful place to live in, make you a more delightful person to live with. For many a young woman planning the decoration of her home, the choice of color is the knottiest problem of all. The endless range of shades, further complicated by pattern and texture, seems at first to offer confusion rather than help because she does not think of them in relation to herself and the elements that go into the decoration of a room. To bring order out of the chaos, start your planning on paper (it's less costly than experimenting on a lifesize wall, rug, or window). List first the things you can afford to have in the room now, the additions you may make later. Think of the larger areas-walls and floors, the major pieces of furniture-in terms of colors that will make a good setting for you. Think of accessories that will enhance and accent the whole. Cast each color in a role consistent with its importance to you and your room, rehearse each of them, in your mind and on paper. The final production will be a home that is more lastingly a pleasure to look at and live in.

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This auburn-haired young mother knows just which colors will make the most flattering background for her attractive coloring, is equally aware that the presence of two growing children in the house dictates a choice of fabrics that are durable, slow to show dirt. Represented among the samples she has chosen with these ideas in mind: Everfast's print, Imperial shutter-patterned wallpaper, Adamo rug—all of them destined to fill important roles on the following page





A living room that reflects a redhead's vitality



A scheme cued specifically to the coloring of the lady-ofthe-house—and carefully worked out on paper beforehand—produces a room that reflects the spirit of informal living and the personality of the woman herself. Globe Parlor sofa and chairs upholstered
in richly-colored fabrics by Holyoke, mahogany tables almost the
color of the owner's hair, make the room comfortable for reading and conversation,
leave plenty of floor space for the comings and goings
of two small children. The additional "window," created with shutter-patterned
wallpaper flanked by bookcases and cabinets,
gives the room both width and architectural interest. Wall paint by Sapolin





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COLOR-CAST YOUR LIVING ROOM

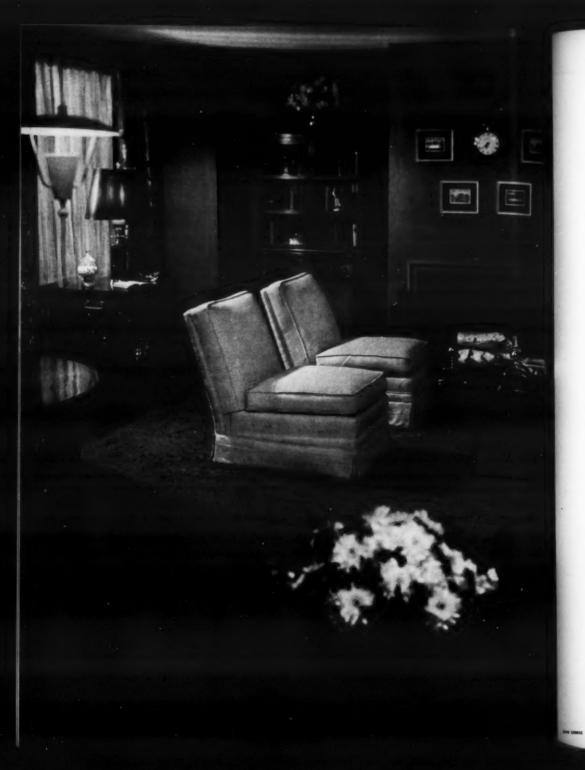
If you can make yourself truly color-conscious as you go about your daily activities, something you see may suggest your entire color scheme. Then you will find that the evolution of a plan comes more quickly than you expected. The fabric on the opposite page is a case in point. Designed by Anton Refrigier of the American Artists' group, the print is an obvious choice for the honey-haired blonde because of its predominant deep gold color alone. On closer inspection, however, it proved to contain all the other elements of a scheme that would flatter the fair coloring of the leading lady. Shades that were minor elements in the pattern were cast effectively on large areas of the finished room—walls, rug, curtains. Cultivate your color consciousness. What was inspired by a snip of fabric can just as easily be inspired by a flower arrangement, a bit of wallpaper, a glimpse of lovely scenery, a fine painting.

opposite

Well versed in the colors that "do something" for her, a young woman with blue eyes and blonde hair found her whole color scheme in a single piece of fabric, Riverdale's Pioneer Pathways print. A career wife and a city girl, through and through, she avoids the clinging-vine shades so often wished on blondes, chooses blues that have depth and vigor, a range of golden tones that pick up the color of her hair. The swatch of looped-cotton (later her rug) is by Firth; paint, U. S. Gypsum's Texolite Duraval. The Riverdale print is available at:

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A living room planned for a fair-haired working wife



A carefully considered color scheme and wisely chosen furniture create a room that reflects both its owner's delicate coloring and her brisk, positive approach to living. The gleaming cherry-and-pine finished pieces by Morganton combine with Young's comfortable upholstered furniture to provide her with a background that has dignity without stiffness, warmth without clutter. The print that touched off the color scheme was used to cover wall in dining section as well as for draperies and sofa. Framed prints by Associated American Artists, lamps by Lightolier



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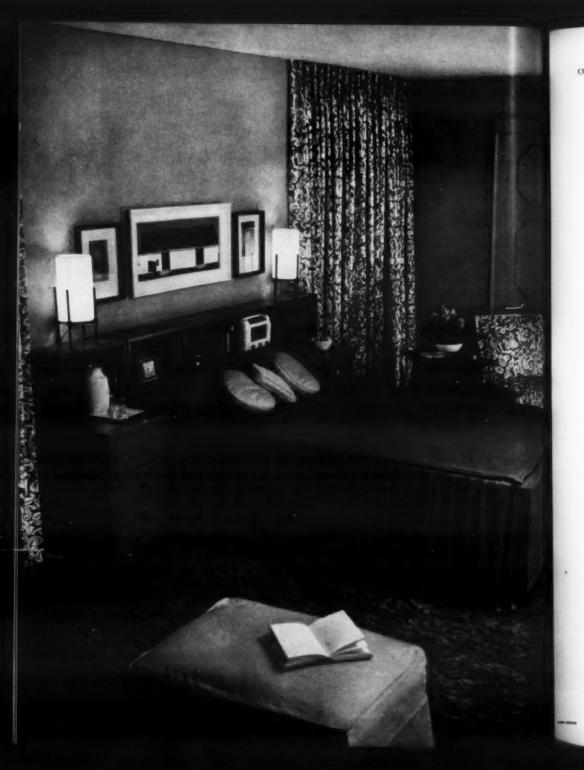
In color casting the large areas of a room, you set the whole trend of its color scheme. The walls, floors, the major pieces of furniture combine to produce the backdrop that will be becoming to you if you choose their color wisely, or that you may have to compete against if you decide on them haphazardly. There is no room in the house, perhaps, where it is possible to make so definite a statement of color preference as in your own bedroom. Here, color not only provides the most becoming backdrop for your rest from a busy day, it is also the setting in which you view yourself as you really look and feel. It is the compliment you pay yourself-and those who see you in the surroundings that reflect your most personal tastes. Without producing a "sissy" room that makes your husband and family feel like intruders, color can create a bedroom that expresses warmth and femininity, and is your own special place of retreat.

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The brunette has narrowed down her choices with an eye both to herself and the most important member of her audience, i ready to set the stage with color combinations that are unmistakably becoming to her. The Charles Bloom fabrics include a play-on-prints: the casement cloth is a sheerer version in reversed color of the upholstery fabric. Cotton rug by Sanford



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This bedroom is color-cast for a dark-haired beauty



Subdued, neutral finish of the walnut furniture (by Johnson-Carper) blends perfectly with the avocado-green tones of the completed color scheme. Room gains an extra touch of richness and dimension through simple addition of octagonal plywood panels cemented to the doors. Wall paint by Glidden



See Your Guide to This Issue for further information For stores featuring this furniture, see page 129

You may be able to apply to your own home some of the ideas in these

FIVE WAYS TO EXPAND OUTDOOR LIVING

- 1 Fencing and planting put front yard space to use
- 2 A terrace extends a narrow back porch
- 3 Two well-located additions enclose a patio
- 4 A breezeway makes a fresh-air sitting room
- 5 Solid fence provides an outdoor room

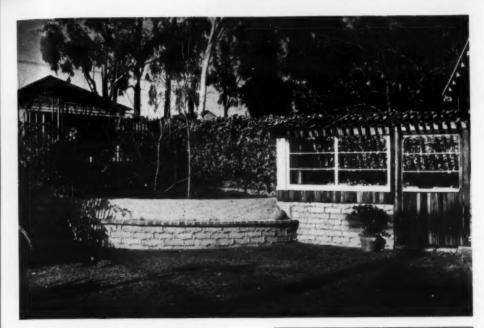
Too often the front yard does little more than present a formal front to the world. When open to the street, it is neither safe for children's play nor private enough for family living. However, with the new emphasis on outdoor activities, families are tending to eliminate "white els phant" front yards and to utilize every square foot of ground in the plot. In this case, the front yard was 12 inches below street level, no driveway leading into the property; the garage was on a lower level, reached by a service street. A concrete block retaining wall was brought 3 feet above street level and topped with a vertical row of grape stakes. This gave the yard privacy without the forbidding exterior of a high, solid wall. The lawn then became a play yard. A terrace, laid in a checkerboard pattern of brick and grass, sheltered by a broad overhang, provided a pleasant seating area. Construction of a lath teahouse, a commodious garden seat, and an outdoor barbecue completed the project which took a few months of spare time.



RETAINING WALL, of concrete block roughly bonded to blend with masonry of house, now defines a safe play area for the children. Stakes embedded in mortar will soon be vine-covered, will give adequate privacy from passers-by, without expense or formality of a solid wall of the same height



PLAN SHOWS how wise planning reclaimed sizeable wasted area in the front of the house



GARDEN SEAT DOUBLES as a retaining wall. To build it, owner cut earth to shape, covered it with tar paper and chicken wire, troveled on concrete, six layers, until the wall was 3½' thick, When that was set be built out concrete block seat. Height is 36", seat is 19" high, 18" deep, 14' long. Tea-bouse was built of lath and blocks. Windows cost \$1, secondhand

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COST BREAKDOWN

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Bricks for terrace, walk, trim	\$ 85
Grape stakes	65
Lumber for overhang	65
Concrete block and cement	285
TOTAL.	\$500



KITCHEN WINDOWS give full view of the yard so mother can work and keep an eye on frolicking children at the same time. Food can be easily taken outdoors for meals. Trellis overhang gives sense of shelter over terrace



OUTDOOR BARBECUE was built into the back of the livingroom fireplace, and is the family's favorite dining spot. All summer long lunches and dinners are regularly eaten outdoors, save wear and tear on the house—not to mention the housewife

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2 A terrace extends a narrow back porch

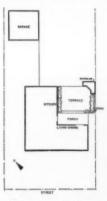
This one-story suburban house had a narrow veranda that opened onto a yawning back yard. Both were pleasant enough but the porch was far too small for an active family and the yard was useless for outdoor living, especially after a brief spell of wet weather. To turn this combination into usable outdoor living space, landscape architect Mildred Davis suggested turning a part of the yard into a brick terrace, complete with barbecue pit, and unifying it with the porch by widening and bricking the narrow porch steps. The entire job can be done by a handy amateur, but to make certain of a chimney that draws well, invest in a commercial plan (available from any of several architectural publishing houses) and build accordingly.



TERRACE BRICKS were laid in sand for informal, rustic effect. First step was to dig out areas to a depth of four inches, graded to allow for drainage. Area was edged with 1"x8"s and filled with one-and-shalf inches of sand. After leveling sand, bricks were laid in a flat basket-weave pattern. Bricks were checked with a level occasionally to be sure surface was even



BARBECUE at far corner of the terrace has wide arms which give an enclosed feeling to the terrace and porch area. Their side extensions were intended principally to provide room for the storage of wood and cooking utendials. Broad tops also make a handy serving counter for the outdoor chef



DIVIDING narrow yard into garden and terrace multiplied its usefulness

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Materials for paving terrace \$ 80 and steps (brick, sand, cement) Materials for barbecue (brick, mortar, metal fittings)

TOTAL \$180

3 Two additions enclose a patio



BREEZEWAY is unified with patio through use of the same brick flooring, addition of plants and vines. Door at left goes into the guest room, which also has double doors that open onto the patio. Door in background leads to kitchen, another at right (unseen) to hall

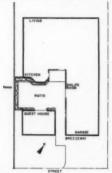


PATIO is entirely paved except for a border of narrow planting beds to create maximum usable space. A fence built of horizontal boards that harmonize with siding of the house completes the enclosure of the patio. Slanting lattice deflects wind without blocking sun



HOUSE as it appears now from the street side. The vinecovered section at the left is the new guesthouse. The "front door" opens into the covered passage that leads to the patio

Built on a slim city lot which drops off sharply at the back, this small frame house seemed to have no place private enough for outdoor living. The solution presented itself when the owner decided to start work on a guesthouse and a much-needed garage. When these two outbuildings were constructed on the street side of the lot and connected to each other with a sheltered breezeway, the result was the enclosure of a small patio. (Actually, almost the same effect could have been obtained with a fence if no guesthouse were needed.) Sunny, completely private, the area has the charm and usefulness of an old French courtyard, is a safe, spacious outdoor playroom for children, a pleasant extra living room for grown-up entertaining.



PATIO is tucked away neatly between house and two newer structures

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4 A breezeway makes a fresh-air sitting room

These remodeled farm buildings are a reminder of the past in an otherwise typical suburban neighborhood. For a number of years after they were made into a home, they failed to take advantage of a small space between the old barn and an outbuilding used as a garage. A few simple changes turned the useless area, only 10 feet square, into a space that was sheltered enough from wind and street and still benefited from the pretty view of rose-covered fence and luxuriant tree in the front yard. The first step was to roof over the strip between house and garage and pave it with brick. On the street side, a brick wall was used to partially screen the little breezeway from the road. On the garden side, a wooden grille was built to create a decorative showcase for the owner's collection of geraniums.



GARDEN SIDE OF THE HOUSE shows how the breezeway lattice harmonizes with the mullioned center window and the white trim. The attractive conglumeration of buildings is of board and batten construction, painted a warm barn-red



TOTAL LANDSCAPING consists of potted geraniums set in open spaces of the feace and distributed about the terrace. In windy weather, table can be moved into breezeway where it is sheltered by lattice and wall



THE BREEZEWAY has a pleasant country feeling that blends with the style of the house. It is protected on the street side by a full wall on sens side, a half wall on the other, built of brick and painted white; old piece of farm equipment was converted into a planter



PLAN shows how diverse buildings can be combined into an attractive, functional place to live

COST BREAKDOWN

Materials for breezeway covering Lumber for trellis	\$105 17
Bricks for breezeway and terrace	100
Geraniums	40
TOTAL	\$262

5 Solid fence provides an outdoor room



SNUG LITTLE HOUSE of board and batten and concrete faces on high embankment which makes the front yard unusable. Going to the rear for their outdoor living space, couple built high redwood lence seen at left

The house with a long, narrow strip stretching behind it, too close to neighbors for completely free use of the outdoor space, is a common occurrence. The young couple who live here had 80 feet of unsightly back yard and wanted to create an intimate patio for outdoor living which would give a pleasing view from their livingdining room windows, also shield the neighboring house and the farther expanse of yard (which could not be landscaped until later). This was done by the couple themselves at a total cost of \$200, including plants. A six-foot redwood fence provided the privacy; the area was paved with bricks in dry sand; a louvered overhang, built out from one wall of the house, cut down the glare on outdoor dining table and the living room windows. The attractive patio which resulted gives extra dimensions to the small rooms inside, provides an outdoor room for family living.

PLAN indicates Cshaped fence which completely enclosed a private area adjacent to indoor living-dining space and large enough for comfortable outdoor living





TEAHOUSE IN BACK YARD will someday be center of orchard and flower garden. It cost \$10, built of 2"x4"s, 2"x6"s, and lath, bought from contractors with leftover materials. House is 8' wide, 7' deep, 7' high at front and 6'6" in back

COST BREAKDOWN

Lumber for fence Lumber for overhang	9	75
Bricks (sand hauled from the beach)		60
Plants (from nursery going out of business)		30



PATIO FENCE WAS BUILT by couple themselves of 1"x10" redwood boards, nailed to a frame of 2"x4"s. To give a finished look, they topped the fence with a 1"x3" trim. Fence, seen through fireplace window, adds to the interrelation of indoors and out. Indoor planting gives a year-round note of greenery



LOUVERED OVERHANG was made of 2"x8" redwood boards for the fascia (which continues the line of the house fascia), with louvers of 1"x4" redwood boards. The louvers were nailed to the fascia and to a strip of board above the living room windows. Bricks were laid in dry sand with spaces left at the border to provide for proper drainage. The six-foot-high fence gives adequate privacy from home next door, yet is not high enough to dwarf the low house. Outdoor furniture completes the picture

PAINTING UP A GOOD FRONT

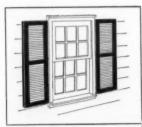
By WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY

Some tips on how to choose colors and paint the outside of your house

With today's accent on color, it is hard to believe that only a few years ago sixty per cent of American houses, regardless of climate or location, were painted white. Of the remainder, twentyfive per cent went in for a pale diet of ivory, cream or buff; only fifteen per cent of the country's homeowners dared experiment with color! White is still the number-one favorite and this seems paradoxical, indeed, for a people who accept and often demand color in every other phase of daily living.

Perhaps, for too long, we've regarded paint as something merely applied-a skin-deep expedient used solely as protective covering for the main structure of our houses. Color, therefore, played a secondary role. Then, too, many believed the old wives' tale that tradition demanded white when, in truth, the earliest settlers smeared their crude dwellings with a high-smelling concoction of red mineral pigment and fish oil. However, the basic avoidance of bright colors in the past was probably just a matter of dollars and cents. Old-time paints had a tendency to fade and chalk, defects that were especially noticeable in the deeper tones. Frequent repainting jobs were consequently necessary if a house was to be kept in spick-and-span shape. White and its pale companions, on the other hand, seemed to maintain their initial freshness over a much longer period, cut maintenance to the minimum, and as a matter of pure economics, were most frequently used. Then, too, paint colors in the past were limited and inflexible, leaving the discriminating homeowners little, of selection. It was a matter of "take it or leave it" with the result that color was used only as an accent for shutters or front door.

Now the trend is gradually being revered. For the exteriors of our homes, we can choose from a wide range of brilliant, exciting colors. One manufacturer alone has more than 1,000 exterior side wall and exterior trim colors from which to select. The question now arises: how can we get the most from this excitement that promises new and varied beauty to our homes? One way to capitalize on the almost unlimited range of house colors is to remember that color is as much of a magician and helpful ally on the exterior of the home as in the interior. Interior decorators have made us conscious of the proper co-ordination of color in our rooms, and the same theory bolds true on the exterior. There, the picture not only include the structure itself, but the surrounding terraces, gardons, and even the neighborhood. The exterior color problem, while broader in scope, is just as soluble as the interior color scheme, if we keep in mind a few observations



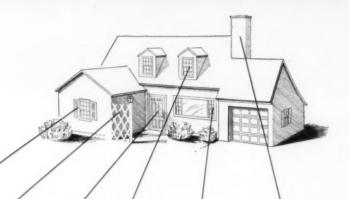
SHITTERS. WHICH ARE PAINTED A BRIGHT COLOR, LEND IMPORTANCE TO WINDOWS AND CONTRAST TO WALLS



PAINTING TRELLIS AND OTHER ACCESSO-

TRAST WITH WALL COLOR FRONT OF HOUSE, ADDS FRIENDLY NOTE





WHAT EXTERIOR COLORS CAN DO

First, in selecting color, it's important to remember that a house, unless surrounded by acreage, must live with its neighbors and not become an eccentric curiosity. Color, too, should look attractive all car around. If paint thanning is done in the spring, remember what the house will look like during bleak, winter months. If your seasons vary treatly, gauge colors for those days when nature does little to enhance its appearance. In New England, particularly, a house that looks bright and sparkling in its white dress during the suntere will turn tattletale gray when surrounded by gleaming white snow. On the other hand, cray used on the major part of a house seems pretty forlorn when exposed to continuous, bright sunshine. Use it sparingly where the sun shines during most of the year. Under such conditions, soft, warm tones—or even white—give happiest results

Colors have a definite motional appeal, they affect different people in different ways Try to select one for your house that will reflect the family life therein. Red is for the active, the forceful and, when used as an outside finish, will spotlight a house, making it sharply defined and nearer to the viewer. It is an especially happy color where winters are long and bleak, adding a bright, cheerful touch to the landscape. Yellows and oranges, more intellectual in appeal, will do the same trick. Blues and greens, on the other hand, are retiring tones, friendly and quiet, seen to best advantage when surrounded by year-round foliage

and sunshine. They are less distinct in outline and will set a louse back into its plot, a faculty that is often welcome when he location is too near a street. Just as light clothing tends to make a person appear larger, light-colored paint on the mass of a house will add greatly to its stature. Select one of the pastel shades if yours is a diminutive house, dwarfed by trees or over-powering neighbors. On the other hand, if you're the owner of one of those bulky houses built twenty or thirty years ago, a deep color will do wonders towards bringing it down in scale.

Since no house is perfect—there are bound to be architectural flaws, major or minor-color can prove a helpful aid in minimizing and obliterating these defects. The too-high house, for example, can be brought down by simply painting the upper story a shade lighter than the roof. Its lower part can be brought into proper focus by a coat of bright contrasting paint. Shutters and trim on the second floor will be made less conspicuous when colored to match the wall tone. A too-low house, one with a mushroom look, can be visually heightened by light paint plus a roof of even lighter color. Where a roof is studded with cumbersome dormers, paint these to match the roof. On the same principle, too many windows and shutters painted to match the adjacent wall color, will blend them into the background and give the house a neater, less cluttered appearance. Porches, too, that are overprominent should, for the same reason, match the walls. If your porch, however, is [Continued on page 124]

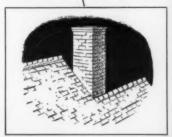
CUMBERSOME DORNERS WILL BE LESS OBTRUSIVE IF THEY ARE PAINTED SAME COLOR AS ROOF



FOR NEAT JOE OF WINDOW FRAME PAINT-ING, CUT PAPER TO SIZE OF WINDOW, AFFIX OVER GLASS WITH MASKING TAPE



UNDISTINGUISHED BRICK CHIMNEY CAN BE MINIMIZED IN IMPORTACE BY PAINTING IT SAME COLOR AS SURROUNDING ROOF





Tools needed: ripsaw, hammer, block plane, brace and bit, screw drivers, sandpaper

White pine and cypress make this sturdy ribbon top dining table



First step is cutting 4 x 4s with rip-1 saw diagonally to make two wedgeshaped legs of each piece. 36-inch length allows for trimming later



CUSTOM-MADE FOR YOUR DINING

By GEORGE DANIELS

When you're finished with this table construction project, you can feel mighty proud of it at any time! All it takes are ordinary home fix-it tools, about a day's labor, and \$33 worth of material. What's more, here's a table you can sit down to comfortably without bumping your knees. You can lean on it, carve a tough roast on it, or even pull yourself up lazily (after a heavy dinner) with solid assistance from it; it won't shake, shimmy or wobble. And its handsome, modern ribboned top is so fine-grained and smooth you'll often dispense with a tablecloth just to enjoy the texture.



Each cheese wedge is sawed again, making one 2 pyramid-shaped piece and one waste piece that's wedge-shaped at both ends. Make cut across the flat side of the cheese wedge as shown



Stand each leg piece on end. Only 3 the edge of outside corner is vertical; all others are slanted. Attach 9 x 32 inch crosspiece to 34 plywood

Nails later.

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Bore holes for dowels through ¾ ply-4 wood and into leg-tops two inches deep. Nails holding two together are pulled out later. Use ¾ auger bit for ¾ dowels



Two holes and two dowels are enough for 5 each leg. Drive dowel into hole; saw off at the surface of plywood. Remove dowel. separate leg from plywood for gluing



Coat each dowel with wood glue and in-6 sert in proper hole. Coat end of each leg and underside of plywood where leg will be attached. Tap the legs firmly in place



Before gluing the edges of table top, slide 7 pieces together to make sure they fit smoothly. Order 2 x 5 dressed lumber so that it's smooth and ready to use



Make clamp strips, as shown, from scrap 8 lumber. Lay table-top pieces within strips, coat edges of each seam. Best way is in pairs. Drive thin wedge to fit tightly



Be sure to cover clamp strip with paper to 9 take up ooze of glue from the seams. If gaps show in seams, run in more glue with brush. Use cold water to wash the brush



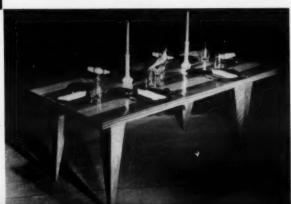
Flame to remove surface glue after it 10 has hardened. Sand seams and ends with garnet paper. Attach 1/4" end strips with glue and finishing nails



Plywood crosspieces, with legs firmly 11 glued and doweled, are attached to underside of table with No. 10 1½" wood screws. Table can then be moved about



Stand table on legs with light placed 12 low so that it rakes surface of wood. It will show up every rough fiber and assure even sanding, ready for varnish



Finished table after three coats of Val-



Mornings begin with a group activity of some kind. Here, children arranger themselves on the Bono in an informal circle around the group leader who may start proceedings with a simple sequence game that everyone can play and enjoy.



Children need to go it alone, too. While young artist concentrates on work mother and leader discuss significance of his progress from mere daubing to painting figures



Clay modeling is so engressing, method take notes unnoticed on the sidelines. Children become used in seeing mothers in class, naturally whether they are observed or



The group moves indoors and out depending on the weather and the activities underway. Note taking mothers must be prepared to pick up their books and write where they can



Picking time ends the seatdoor play period. Children are tanglit that they must ceturn all toes in proper places. This training complements home efforts to teach orderly habits by showing the mother how best to get co-operation



Finger-play amuses children and is used to demostrate the physical co-ordination characteristic of different age levels. It also indicates the children tage levels in the group proof readiness to participate in the group proof.



Mother, in background, watches her child's reactions carefully. Later, the discusses her notes with group leader and eventually summarizes them to show child's growth trends



Supervisor arranges a simple dance and mothers get into it, too. Activities vary from day to day but always include both quiel and energetic games, amusements for both the individual and the group, a rest period, and good refreshments



Specific problems common to all children as dealt with as they arise. At a Hallowern sion, children take turns wearing akelete mask to prove they need not fear masquerade

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NURSERY SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

Nursery-school age is often one of the most puzzling to parents. By this time the child's infant helplessness and uncertain step have yielded to an increasingly well-defined will of his own, and yet he is still part baby. To help mothers understand the problems—and, sometimes, the irritations—of this phase of child life, the Adult Education Program of Los Angeles has instituted a series of what they call

Play Group Observation Classes. Here, under the supervision of trained parent-education leaders, mothers may come once a week to watch their children at play. As they look on, they take careful notes, and keep them for later study with a group leader. Experience in Los Angeles groups has proved that these classes are helpful for both parent and child.



Textbook theories take on a new meaning when mother can watch her young one acting in a situation where there is a minimum of restraint upon him. She also has the opportunity to compare his reactions with those of the other children, is sometimes able to spot troubles that she was unaware of before. More often than not, she is reassured to find that one of her child's most distressing habits is char-

acteristic of many other children of his age. All this makes for better understanding between parents and children at home the other six days of the week. The Los Angeles method requires only one trained leader for each group and facilities that can be found in almost any town. It is a rewarding community project that could be duplicated in other parts of the country.



Mothers prepare lunch for their children is the community kitchen. They all serve the children and then return to the hicken later to eat their own lunches



Children are encouraged to help themselves at lunchtime, but each table has a "hostess" to give assistance when it's needed. Afterward, each child returns his plate to the kitchen to be washed



After lunch the children are sent off for a supervised nap while mothers gather with the group leader to discuss their observations, learn what general expectancies are for each age



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RETIREMENT PLAN

Here are two examples of the new approach to a highly utilitarian piece of furniture. Without skimping on the basic requirement of comfort and durability, these beds by Englander were also designed to hold their own as decorative pieces, to look aftractive day and night. The headboard of bed on the opposite page is the reverse of the bar pattern used on mattress and springs. Its well-co-ordinated wardrobe includes monogrammed Pequotit sheets and pillowcases, North Star blanket, Monument bedspread—all color-keyed to the mattress cover. Towels are by Dundee, rug by Tex-Tuft

here's no need to wait for an advanced age to cash in on a retirement plan. You can and do retire, every day of your liferetire to your bed-and whether this is a serene or a disordered sanctuary depends entirely on how much thought has gone into bringing out all the soporific delights it has to offer. Careful selection of a mattress and springs ideally suited to you is one of the most rewarding investments you'll ever make, as important to your health, disposition and looks as a regular visit to your doctor. Not only is your bed an adjunct to your bodily welfare, but its stylish appearance has taken a rightful place in the decorative scheme of things. Mattress covers appear in an imaginative variety of patterns that are inspiration enough to dictate the color scheme of a whole room. Design of dual-purpose sleeping equipment has relinquished nothing of style for convenience and comfort. Whatever kind of bed you choose, give it an attractive and adequate wardrobe for both day- and nighttime. Don't depend on occasional gifts of blankets and sheets, or indulge in haphazard buying. Consider such gifts a welcome bonus; buy with plan and purpose. Set as a goal for each bed in the house, to be acquired as your purse will permit: eight sheets, four cases for each pillow, one heavy, one medium, and one lightweight blanket, two winter and two summer spreads. Let this retirement plan be as consistent and regular a part of your budget as the utilities bill. It will avoid a last minute rush to accommodate an unexpected guest; it will make your bedding last longer, look better.

Hard as it is to believe, the attractive piece of furniture below is an unmade bed, in bygone days a symbol of domestic disorder.

During the day, bedding can be stored in bolsters.

Englander beds at Lord & Taylor



Opened out, the love seat has all the comfort of a regular bed, looks especially luxurious with accessories planned to pick up and accent the colors in plaid upholstery by Simtex





DOWN WHITH

below

W ith planning, you need no longer apologize to the visiting uncle for a too short couch or embarrass him by a midnight scramble for sheets. Even if your home is too small for a separate guest room, choosing a truly comfortable bed (that can also pay its way as a decorative piece) and equipping it with its own special wardrobe of bedding will give your guests the "at home" feeling that comes

above

Upholstered in a coral plaid with fine green and white lines, this studio bed by Simmons affords two round pillows and bolster that make it a comfortable daytime sofa. Sheets, blankets, and towels that harmonize with the upholstery fabric make a guest feel that he's not so unexpected after all. On both pages: bedding and towels by Fieldcrest, Kootfoam pillows by Dayton Rubber, chocolate-brown Jubilee rug by Karastan



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THEY WORK WHERE THEY LIVE

PARTNERS IN LEATHER

A lovely old farmhouse and twenty-five acres to go with it was just the kind of home Karl and Dorothy Fueller had been looking for. Located in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, it is an ideal spot for the two Fueller children, Debbie and Crissie. But there comes a time when the delights of country living begin to pall, when tedious hours are spent commuting to a job miles away. Perhaps the long trek was getting on Karl's nerves. In any event, when Dorothy spoke of a belt she wanted to buy that cost twenty-five dollars, Karl hit the ceiling. We don't claim he went down to the barn to sulk. But he did go down to the barn and he did see an old harness hanging on the wall—and he had an idea. He found some pieces of leather and with the brass fittings from the harness he made a belt. Then he made a bag to go with it. That's

how Dorothy and Karl Fueller got started in the leather accessory business. Dorothy took her belt and bag to one of the large department stores in New York, showed them to a buyer and came home with an order for six belts and six bags. Karl started a workshop in the barn, bought some tools and equipment, and began a search for old coins and brass to use as decorations. Karl insisted that all their work be done by hand, and Dorothy helped, polishing each piece of leather until it had a rich patina. Month by month the fame of the Fuellers' products began to spread. Soon, exclusive stores all over the country were displaying and selling the unusual handmade leather goods. Karl gave up his job in the city and concentrated on the accessories. How's business? Prosperous Karl's answer: "It's running away with us."





"PEACE VALLEY FARM" has twenty-five acres, worked by neighboring farmer on shares



DINING ROOM is simply but charmingly furnished with old pine buffet and corner cupboard. Big table in center of room has a special sentimental value to the Fuellers—it was their first worktable when they started family leather business





LIVING ROOM is much as it was over two centuries ago. Beamed ceiling and random-width board floor are typical of old Pennsylvania. Period furniture, braided rugs, the candle dip, trivet, clock, and bed warmer all hark back to colonial days

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THEY WORK WHERE THEY LIVE continued



"HEARTH ROOM" was the kitchen years ago with cooking done in the huge fireplace (note rear door to baking oven). Now the Fuellers use room for relaxing. Interesting lamp was made from coffee grinder



UPSTAIRS BEDROOM, entered by step-down, has early American double bed and dreaser. Wallpaper in the bedroom, and those in rest of the house are reproductions of colorful American-provincial designs



BIG RED BARN is workshop of the Fueller Leather Accessories, keeps Karl close to family



THE FUELLERS have branched out from the original purse and belt. Here they work on an order of sandals

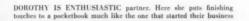








KITCHEN IS HAPPY BLEND of early American and modern convenience. Knotty pine cabinets, breakfast bar, table and chairs are in the style of old house. Dishwasher and time-saving appliances speed meals









DAILY TRIP to the post office is one that Karl doesn't mind at all! Business is booming



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WOOD TURNINGS

JOHN MAY

BOWLS-LAMP BASES
PEPPER MILLS

THIS OLD NEW ENGLAND farmhouse and annex are home, office, and workshop to Jake and Thalia May. Here the whole family lives, works, and plays together

A HOBBY BECOMES A PAYING BUSINESS

Those who fear that enterprise and craftsmanship are becoming things of the past would do well to look in on the John Mays of Jackson, New Hampshire. From a hobby, Jake has developed a skill that has brought world recognition. When a collection of American handicrafts was assembled to be shown in Europe under ECA auspices, Jake was asked to contribute some of his wood sculptures. Others are exhibited in museums throughout the country. More important to Jake and his wife, Thalia, than prestige, is the happy fact that they can work together at home, in the part of the country they like best. Jake first came to the White Mountains some years ago to ski and liked the region so well he decided to stay on. He met Thalia on a skiing week end, and after they were married, the two made up their minds that Jackson would be a good place to live. They bought an old farmhouse,

and for a living Jake turned to his hobby, cabinetmaking. His first efforts were reproductions of traditional furniture, but he soon discovered that he was far more interested in creating small objects, bowls, plates, and lamp bases in modern designs. The Mays converted their living room into a display room—an ideal one as Jake had made practically everything in it. A sign—Wood Turnings by John May—was hung by the side of the road and as their new enterprise grew, so did the May family. The arrival of two boys and two girls created something of a space problem until Jake added a whole new story to the house. Occasionally, Jake takes trips away from home to study new techniques in his craft or to find rare woods, but he is always anxious to get back to the countryside where the Mays have made their independence by combining talent with a determination to live as they please.





WORKING with fine woods and modern equipment, Jake makes articles that are both beautiful and useful



FAMILY PICNIC in the New Hampshire woods brings a moment of fun and relaxation to the busy Mays and their active children



LIVING ROOM is also the display room for Jake May's wares. Lamps, turned bowls, the solid walnut corner cabinet, and other woodcraft are all Jake's handwork. Ebony, lignum vitae, and strangely shaped driftwoods are common media for his superb artistry and great skill

PACKAGED DECORATION, INDIVIDUAL LOOK



THREE WOOD FINISHES, three textures, are subtly blended in a screne living room. Fireside group of matching club chairs is in bone birch finish, upholstered in a tweedy fabric; arm table between is birch, too, in a soft, "desert" finish. Armchair and ottoman are in same "desert" finish, covered in a close-woven fabric. Focal point of room is coffee table in black lacquer. All furniture is by John A. Dunn

Furniture designed from a decorator's viewpoint assures variety and color

The homemaker who wants individuality in a room, who wants to get away from the cut-and-dried look that comes from "everything matching," is usually handicapped by a lack of decorating experience. Here is a packaged decoration idea that comes to the rescue. This living-dining room furniture has been designed by the manufacturer from the decorator's viewpoint, with the pieces planned as a room grouping rather than a "set," with the variety and color that a decorator knows how to create, already built into the room. Removed from the realm of worry is the intricate decorating trick of blending several different wood finishes, upholstery textures and fabrics into a harmonious effect. The homemaker has only to place the various pieces thoughtfully, to conform to her own particular floor plan.



DINING ALCOVE features birch table and bookshelf (used for china) which contrasts with a snack truck and stools in black. Stools, with bright persimmon seats, are handy for television too, can be stored under the table. Floor is easy-to-keep Flor-Ever plastic tile

BASIC COLOR SCHEME of black and white is set by Covington's Goldleaf fabric for draperies and chair. Sofa is a three-piece acctional, covered in salt-and-pepper mixture, a good blend with the

gray cotton rug (by Aldon Rug Mills). Book and bric-a-brac shelves are bookcases, one over the other, topped by jelly molds for plant holders. Three walls are willow green, one white (Colorizer paint)

RUGS: NEW FIBER, NEW COLOR

And, we might almost say, new rooms. For the "blends," as these new floor coverings with man-made fibers are called, promise to make an important difference in the appearance of many an American home by expanding the amateur desorator's range of choice in color, texture, and cost. To define our terms blends are rugs and carpeting made from a combination of traditional wool plus any of the various chemical fibers, or from a combination of test tube materials alone. Whatever the combinations may be—and the possibilities appear to be almost endless—they will make the choice more exciting for anyone with a bare floor to cover. To consider practical matters first, the blends start off on an equal footing with wool on such standards as durability, color fastness, soil resistance, and ease of cleaning. They have,



DRAWINGS BY RICHARD E. HOWAR

opposite

HALF RAYON, HALF WOOL, this modern carpeting blends perfectly into a traditional setting for the dining area. Accord, by Archibald Holmes, in two shades of beige, has a low-loop construction that gives an effect of hand weaving

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GREEN BROADLOOM, by Downs, is 90% acotate rayon, 10% nylon. Dual-level pile creates a pattern of its own, increases wearing qualities of the two chemical fibers of which the rug is made however, more than these important virtues to recommend them. They offer new scope in color: the chemical fibers, which are pure white in their original state, take dyes easily; they emerge from the vats in paintbox colors that have a special clarity and life. Besides the familiar alternatives of pastels and decorator's shades, the blends also provide a range of "optical illusion" tones that are a result of the new weaves that the fiber itself has made possible. The variety of textures is greater, too, for the blends not only have been adapted to the traditional weaves but have themselves produced new dimensional effects that, up to now, could be had only in expensive carpeting or in some cases didn't exist at all. Finally—this will be welcome news to the budget-minded—this promises wider selection in texture, color, and price.



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ALL RAYON CARPETING gives a modern living room luxury at modest cost. Bigelow-Sanford's swirled pattern, carried out in high, twisted loops against a background of tighter white weave, is typical of the new color effects, the bulky, dimensional textures that use of chemical fibers has made possible in carpets



LOW, TIGHT LOOPS produce a basket-weave carpeting that would be as effective in a traditional setting as in this modern room. Modest price of many of the blends will make warmth of wall-to-wall carpeting practical in bedroom as well as in living room. Rug, in two shades of rose, is C. H. Masland's blended Oakdale

EXTRACT OF



YOUNG GREG does his share of work. Here he hauls wood for fireplace in the den

THREE-POINT PLAN FOR CONVENIENCE



GARDEN SIDE OF THE HOUSE faces east, giving soft morning sunshine at breakfast. Open roof allows plenty of light in the dining room inside. Dale and Helen did all the landscaping and grass planting themselves, plan to continue this spring. They'll extend the terrace by laying bricks in sand, hope to build a barbecue pit in the summer. Entire porch can later be screened for greater comfort



VIEW OF living side of house toward porch and car shed emphasizes chimney wall which separates the activity area from dining room. Storage closets on far porch wall are for garden tools

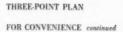
- · "Activity area," in heart of the house, is family headquarters
- Hall is well placed to give and take space with other areas
- · Integrated carport and terrace allow covered passage to house

Helen and Dale Wolff, of Wichita, spent two long years looking for a house to buy and never found one that measured up to the undefined but nonetheless persistent picture they had in their minds. Finally they decided to build a home and turned to local architects, Ramey and Himes. Early in the discussion and planning that followed, these requirements emerged: first of all, Helen and Dale wanted a central space, not the living room, where they could relax and entertain informally; they wanted an arrangement of rooms to make it possible to get from one part of the house to the other, with a minimum of intrusion into areas along the way. The architects designed a home that met all the Wolffs' requirements for convenience and kept within the close building budget they set. Cost of the house: \$11 a square foot.



FRONT OF HOUSE is a harmonious blend of vertical hemlock siding and red brick. Car shed is at left, entrance, center. Dale put up fence to hide outside utility area (right)

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CAR SHED SHARES a common roof with terrace, provides handy space for home activities when car is outside. West wall is given an interesting shadow pattern by open roof at main entrance. Brick wall encloses utility room

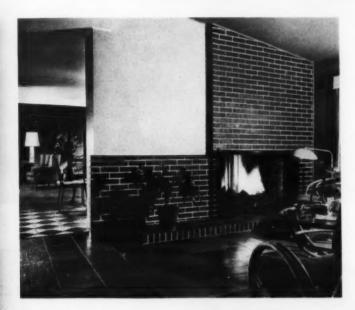


LIVING-DINING ROOM is unified by the floor covering of rush squares which Dale put down. The large area gets excellent light from the bank of windows; top sashes are fixed, bottoms operate and are screened. The Wolffs plan to increase the privacy of this room and their porch with planting in the yard. Large cupboard was built into the dining section, makes table setting quick and easy

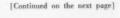


COOL COLORS make this a pleasant room to be in. Deep blue-gray walls are the background for pale green chairs, coral sofa, and blond wood. White ceiling gives airiness and a sense of greater height









CHEERY HEARTH, informal furniture and bright color scheme of red brick and light green walls are ingredients for perfect relaxation. Den can encroach on the hall space (left) if the Wolffs entertain a large group. Raised hearth, extended beyond the chimney breast, makes an attractive and convenient spot for greenery



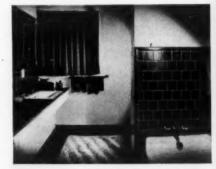
OPEN STORAGE UNIT of plywood forms division between kitchen and den. Hinged door below shelves drops down to form counter of a pass-through. Wolffs can curtain off den to accommodate guests



ENTRANCE IS FLANKED by brick wall which comes in from outside; green planting bed, lighted dramatically from above, and paved brick floor add other outdoor notes. Hall was well planned to allow traffic to go directly from the entrance to the den, kitchen or sleeping quarters, and by-pass the living room



KITCHEN HAS BRIGHT red walls, gray laminated plastic counters with storage space below. Unit next to store is a handy wood-topped chopping table. Counter on the left wall serves as a breakisst bar



BATHROOM features a division between tub and water closet. Here again, built-ins provide excellent storage. Lavatorydressing table has recess below for feet when standing or for knees when seated. Tile is used sparingly and well



SLEEPING QUARTERS have a southern exposure. Master bedroom has cocoa-colored walls and light green ceiling; charteruse clipped pile cotton rug is wall to wall. Ceiling follows natural pitch of roof in this room, gives a pleasing effect as well as greater height. Storage wall provides separate closets for Helen and Dale, each with convenient sliding doors



CORE OF FLEXIBLE PLAN is central hallway which borrows and lends space to dining and activity areas as needed. Note excellent and well-distributed storage space, interesting integration of carportand terrace

BUILDING DATA

ARCHITECTS: RAMEY & HIMES CONTRACTOR: KEN STOWELL CO., INC. Foundation: reinforced concrete

Structure: walls: wood studs, brick veneer floor: reinforced concrete slab roof: wood rafters

Gutters & downspouts:

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Insulation:
acoustical: 54" insulating sheathing sheathing thermal: 2" batts
Floor surfacing:

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Wall surfacing:
outside: 1" x 6" hemlock
V-joint
inside: ½" Sheetrock

U. S. Gypsum

inside: ½" Sheetrock

Roof surfacing:
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& gravel

American Asphalt
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galvanized metal

Window sash:

Fenestra residential casements Detroit Steel Products

Doors:
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interior: flush hollow core
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exterior: Komac paints & Kohler-McLister Stains Paint Co. Interior: Dramex cold water paints

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Plumbing:
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BULBS WILL LIGHT UP YOUR GARDEN

The summer-flowering bulbs are commonly called "tender" or "half-hardy"—that is, although they may be left in the ground all winter in the south, they must, in climates where the temperatures drop more than a few degrees below 32°, be dug up in the fall and stored in a warmer place. Aside from this, tender bulbs, considering the dazzling displays they produce, require little but watering-and-weeding care. Best of all—particularly for the beginning gardener—most of them can boast foliage that is attractive enough to keep a garden pretty during the weeks when planting miscalculations may have resulted in the absence of flowers.

If you like white, consider first, the ismene sometimes called the Peruvian daffodil or spiderlily. Ismene, a member of the amaryllis family and no daffodil at all, comes as a large plump bulb which can be planted after the ground really warms up in late spring. (In the far south they may be left in the garden the year round.) Plant the bulbs four to five inches deep in rich, well-drained soil in full sun or very light shade, and you will be surprised a few days later to see strong, glossy, straplike leaves appear, followed by thick flower stalks pushing up sturdily out of the ground. Three to six weeks after planting, the first flowers should open-large, sweet-scented white blooms with fringed cups, several to a stalk-and even after bloom is over, the handsome foliage stays in good condition until frost. Ismene leaves are excellent for flower arrangements and would almost be worth growing for this alone-even if the plants never flowered. A bed of ismenes can be interplanted with annuals or with the small bedding dahlias (Coltness Hybrids or Unwin Dwarfs) which will bloom later on. Behind them a row of tall galtonias (summer hyacinths) will look well. Plant these bulbs at the same time (in late spring when the soil is warm), set at the same depth as the ismenes, in similar soil. The galtonias will flower in early midsummer on three to four foot stalks set with a number of nodding white bells.

Another white flower for this summer bulb garden is the acidanthera, a member of the iria family with deeply grooved foliage and fragrant white flowers poised like butterflies on eighteen-inch stems. The centers are marked with deep maroon.

All these—ismene, galtonia, and acidanthera must be dug before frost, the tops removed, and the bulbs or corms stored at a temperature of 50 to 60 degrees.

An old-fashioned favorite is the dignified tuberose.

The overpowering fragrance of this spire-stemmed flower is too much for indoors or even for your terrace. Instead, plant a group of three or more tubers a little distance from the house, where their majestic four-foot spikes of closely-set white blossoms are set off against a background of green shrubs. At a distance, the fragrance is delightful and the towering flowers are impressive. Double Pearl is the most popular variety but you may find the single Mexican Everblooming charming, too. Though tuberoses have the reputation of being very tender, they can be [Continued on page 112]

- 1. GALTONIA
- 2. ACIDANTHERA
- 3. TUBEROUS BEGONIA
- 4. CALADIUM
- 5. ISMENE
- 6. MONTBRETIA
- 7. TIGRIDIA
- 8. TUBEROSE
- 9. GLADIOLI



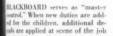
LITTLE HANDS LIGHTEN WORK

Children can be a real help in the kitchen if you assign the chores clearly, make them look like fun



DECAL BORDERS in Dutch Provincial hearts-and-flowers encircle the entire kitchen to add color and make the kitchen more interesting to the children. Lower cabinets are now temporarily used to keep silver, luncheon dishes and glasses where they can be reached by the younger members of the family, who set their own table. Decals, designed for children by Peter Hunt, are by Meyercord BLACK control,' od for t cals are

here was a time when children had definite chores in the home, many of them centered in the family kitchen. While this may be considered an old-fashioned approach, it is still one of the best ways to train a child. Regular duties within the scope of a child's capabilities are beneficial both to children and to the mother. However, using these extra hands in the kitchen poses problems for her: how to organize these duties to make children a help rather than a hindrance, and how to make the household chores interesting and fun enough to keep them around until the jobs are done. One young family with three children has hit on this interesting idea: They first put up a blackboard in the kitchen to eliminate any confusion about responsibilities. To associate the particular child with his or her task and its object, they have used a favorite decal as a reminder. For example, Jaimy's little fisherman, next to his name on the blackboard, is repeated on the wastebasket and sink cabinet, jogs his memory without preaching at him. Steve's horse decal assigns his jobs-clearing the table and cleaning the playroom-and is repeated on the broom closet where he finds the necessary cleaning equipment. Cheerful devices of this kind will help to train the children and help mother. besides making a delightfully colorful kitchen for the entire family.









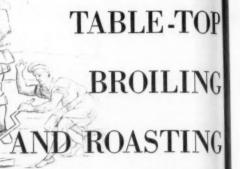


LOWER CABINETS in the kitchen hold all the equipment that children will need for their different jobs—no standing on stools or chairs will be necessary. Corky's dusteloths are kept in the cabinet under the sink. Small tray is useful to him and Steve when they set or clear the table



CHILDREN'S TABLE for their own lunches or early suppers is card table set up in entry corner of the kitchen. Plywood top is painted hright blue; place mats are simulated with strips of decals. In center of each are provincial figures, a different one for each child





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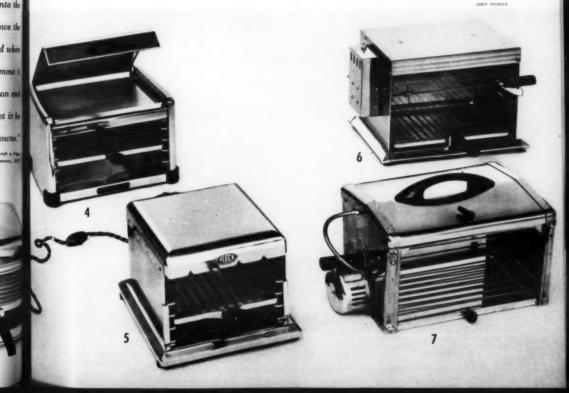
by Thomas Doven, at



Roasting a "pigge" in the sixteenth century was an ambitious production that entailed many a weary trip to the woodpile and the hiring of a small boy to turn the spit. The reward was in the eating and well worth all the toil. For the 20th-century gourmet, it's a reward that comes easier. The shiny, modern electric broiler and rotisserie provide all the same advantages of direct-heat cooking and produce the same succulent results. They have, besides, the not inconsiderable recommendation of portability. Wherever there is an electric outlet, you can cook your food and serve it piping hot: at the breakfast table, broiled bacon or sausage, toast for a houseful of guests (the broiler can handle six to eight slices at a time); for outdoor buffets, broiled chops and tomato halves, open-faced sandwiches or frankfurters. If you own the rotisserie or combination broiler-rotisserie, the whole field of barbecues is open to you-as well as Middle Eastern specialties like shish kebab and shashlik.

Since the appliances operate on high wattage and the purchase price is reasonably high, some might call them an extravagance. However, once you recognize the conven- [Continued on page 118]

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MENUS FOR YOUNG GOURMETS

You can, if you like, decorate your child's food with "cute" raisin faces framed with carrot-curl hair, and these will encourage a child to take the first few spoonfuls. However, don't deceive yourself that this kind of window dressing will do much to develop a real love of good cooking. A healthy appetite and a genuine enjoyment of food are based on meals that appeal first to the palate rather than the eye. Here are three luncheon menus, all built around simple main dishes, all attractive to look at. No cream-cheese clowns, no maraschino cherries, no gingerbread men are necessary. The appeal of the food comes from its good taste.

LUNCHEON NUMBER 1

INDIVIDUAL FISH DISH CHOPPED VEGETABLE SALAD PINEAPPLE PUDDING MILK

FISH DISH

11/2 cups cooked rice 1 teaspoon Worcestershire can crab meat or shrimp sauce can condensed cream of 1 teaspoon prepared mustard 1/2 cup bread crumbs celery soup

Combine all of these ingredients except the bread crumbs. Fill buttered ramekins or custard dishes with mixture and cover with bread crumbs. Dot with butter and bake in a moderate oven until bread crumbs are brown.

CHOPPED VEGETABLE SALAD

2 cups young spinach I carrot

2 stalks celery 1 scallion 2 sprigs parsley

Chop together all ingredients and moisten with French dressing. Pile loosely on a lettuce leaf and serve.

PINEAPPLE PUDDING

No. 2 can crushed pineapple cup sugar eggs 1/2 cup heavy cream

Mix the eggs and sugar until smooth, and add the pineapple. Turn the mixture into a mold; set the mold into a pan of water and bake slowly until stiffened like a baked custard. When cold, unmold it and top with whipped cream.

LUNCHEON NUMBER 2

HAM AND NOODLES TOMATO ASPIC SALAD CHOCOLATE MINT PUBBING MILK

HAM AND NOODLES

11/2 cups noodles cup cubed ham 1/2 cup grated cheese cup chopped celery

teaspoons chopped parsley 11/2 cups milk egg

1/2 cup corn flakes

Cook the noodles. Mix together the ham, cheese, celery and parsley. In a greased baking dish place alternate layers of noodles and mixture. Combine the milk and egg and pour this over the noodles. Top with corn flakes and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 45 minutes.

TOMATO ASPIC SALAD

tablespoon gelatin 1/4 cup cold tomato juice 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme

13/4 cups hot tomato juice 1 tablespoon capers

Soak the gelatin in the cold tomato juice. Dissolve it in the hot juice, add thyme and capers. Mold and chill.

LUNCHEON NUMBER 3

BAKED STUFFED TOMATOES APPLE AND ENDIVE SALAD GINGERSNAPS MILK EGGNOG

BAKED STUFFED TOMATOES

large tomatoes cups cooked macaroni tablespoon chopped onion 1/8 teaspoon pepper

I tablespoon chopped green pepper

1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup grated cheese

mixture of the macaroni, onions, pepper and seasonings. Cover with cheese and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) until tomatoes are thoroughly cooked (15 or 20 minutes).

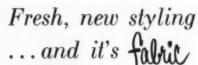
APPLE AND ENDIVE SALAD

Cut endive into bite-size pieces and top with unpeeled cubes of red apple. Serve with a dish of mayonnaise, sprinkled lightly with paprika, to be passed at the table.

Scoop out but do not peel the tomatoes, Stuff them with a



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planted three inches deep in a well-prepared bed in full sun as soon as you feel pretty certain the last frost is over. Starting them indoors in pots and setting out in the open garden in late May or early June insures even earlier bloom, Unless so started, late spring planting outdoors sometimes results in very late bloom or in having the plants overtaken by an early frost before they flower. Tuberoses should be kept watered in dry weather and the tubers must be dug well before frost in autumn and stored in a warm cellar at 65 to 70 degrees.

FOR THE SHADY PATIO OR WINDOW BOX

Tuberous begonias are among the most colorful of all summer "hulbs," The large green or reddish typical begonia leaves are themselves a showpiece and the flowers include every color except blues and purples. Starting with glistening white, they run through shell pink, rose, scarlet, crimson and maroon; and from palest primrose through every conceivable shade of buff, wheat, and salmon to apricot and orange. The blooms come in many shapes, may be formed like camellias. roses, carnations, hibiscus, even daffodils: and in addition to the usual bushy forms, there are trailing types, excellent for window and porch boxes. These bear smaller flowers, usually camellialike in shape, in clusters on delicate reddish flowering stems. The tuberous begonia has a preference for real shade, making it an ideal plant for the terrace.

The cormlike tubers are usually started by embedding them, with the upper surfaces at soil level, convex side up. in shallow hoxes of damp peat moss, Keep them moist and let them grow in the shade until several leaves have developed. Then cut the plants out of the boxes without disturbing the roots, and transplant to six- or eight-inch bulb pans (wide, shallow pots). Place in the bottom of each several pieces of broken pot and cover this drainage material with a rich soil mixture containing plenty of peat moss and dried cow manure. thoroughly mixed with good garden loam or sifted compost. Set the plant with the top surface of the tuber at, or only slightly below, soil level. The plants may also be set directly in the soil in a well-drained, shaded bed or

border which has been enriched as just described. If the begonian are to be grown in boxes, the pots may be set directly in the boxes in a bed of damp peat moss,

Wherever they are grown, toberous begonias like plenty of moisture at all times, but it is best not to wet the foliage except with a very fine mist. Do not set plants out where they are subject to a constant drip in wet weather from house caves as trees. On hot afternoons play a fine mist of cool water on them for an hour or more. In autumn, as bloom ceases and foliage hegins to turn yellow, let them dry off gradually, remove dead tops, and store in the pots of soil at 60 degrees. In spring start them again in damp peat moss.

Another showy summer hulb for moist, shady spots is the fancy-leaved caladium. These are grown, not for their flowers, but for the large, exotically colored, paper-thin leaves, shaped like spearheads. They are available in several varieties: white leaves veined in green; green and white; pink and white; red and green, and others.

The best place for caladiums will probably be a raised bed in skade, against or near the house. They may be planted in the built-in beds which are so often part of the architectural plans of modern homes. Such a bed, if shaded in hot weather, may be planted with tulips or other hardy bulbs first (for early spring bloom), to be followed later by caladiums, tulberous begonias.

Caladium culture is similar to that of tuberous begonias except that they are seldom pot-grown. The soil of the bed in which they are set out should, however, be the same mixture as that recommended for tuberous begonias.

FOR TROPICAL COLOR

Remember gladioli and their more modest relatives. The queenju "glads" can be just as satisfactory in your garden as they are when purchased as cut flowers from a florist. Plant gladioli four or five inches deep in groups of six to nine in a sandy loam. Choose sunny spots, perhaps in a mixed border, and add a row or two in the cutting garden. especially for use indoors. By making plantings every two or three weeks, from early April until July, you can have bloom all sum-

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mer long, and up until frost. Mexican shell flowers (tigridia), less well known but even more striking than "glads." produce irislike foliage and blazing triangular blooms, three to four inches in diameter. They range through red. flame, rose, orange, yellow, and buff, have large, heavily spotted central cups. A few of the newer hybrids are without spots, of uniform pastel tints. For a tropical effect, plant them in a sunny patio garden or against the stucco wall of a Spanish-type house. Like gladioli, tigridias prefer well-drained, sandy soil, but do well in any average loam, in full, bright sun or very light, part shade, if they're given plenty of moisture while growing. Unfortunately, the individual blossoms are not as long-lasting as "glads," and though each one lives but a day, several are produced successively from the same stalk, and even when cut, the buds continue to open. Tigridias are usually available in mixtures only,

Montbretias, the third member of this trio, are more like very delicate gladioli, They produce narrow, sword-shaped leaves and flower stems, one to three feet tall, that bear small, flaring, lilyshaped flowers in combinations of red. copper, orange, or yellow, Like tigridias, they will grow and bloom in either full or half sun. You can buy the corms in mixture or in separate colors,

With all three of the above, the culture is much the same. Plant from early spring until July first, four to five inches deep in sandy loam to which peat moss and complete fertilizer or dried manure or sifted compost has been added and thoroughly worked in. They need excellent drainage but will do better if watered in dry weather. Where ground freezes hard in winter, gladioli, tigridias, and monthretias should be dug before hard frost. Cut the tops two inches above the corms and, if you dig them up in wet weather, dry them off for a few days in a temperature above freezing, where there is a good circulation of air. After that, place them in a basket of very slightly damp sand or vermiculite, and store at 40 to 50 degrees. The corms can be replanted in the open garden the following spring. In the south where there is no danger of freezing, these three can be left in their outdoor beds the year round.



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When a lamp becomes outmoded or no longer functions, give yourself a sense of accomplishment, and an attractive lamp as well, by making your own. With a few dollars and a little effort, you can have one that blends with any interior scheme and will brighten up a room considerably.

For the base, use a single block of wood, a foot high and five inches across. (If you prefer other proportions -- rectangular, square, tall or squat, use them!) Next, you'll need an adapter-the unit consisting of a light socket and lamp cord sold at most large hardware stores-to make lamps of bottles, vases, etc. Drill a hole in the lamp base to accommodate the adapter and attach it, wedging to make it secure if necessary.

Then you are ready to cover the lamp base. If you don't mind the light cord showing (it is unobtrusive), pull the fabric around the block of wood, holding tightly to the back where you fold it under. Stitch or tack the material to the block, with special care at the bottom so the base won't wobble. If you want to hide the lamp cord, keep it taut to the back of the block and then stitch or tack the fabric around the block.

It takes less than half a yard of material to cover a wood block a foot high and five inches square. Remnants of fine fabrics, at just a fraction of their original cost, can be found at any well-stocked fabric store.

When the base with the adapter attached is complete, select an attractive shade that has a bulb clasp. If you are very ambitious, you might cover the base and shade with the same fabric.

Think of the effects in color, pattern, and texture you can create for this base, If you want a shiny surface to simulate glazed pottery, buy chintz. If you have a maple living room, try upholstery fabric designed by Grandma Moses. Should you select one of her winter scenes, come spring, you can redo the lamp with an apple blossom print or a cool green stripe. If you've been yearning for a nonobjective painting you can't afford, buy a fabric copy of the original. These are available at most decorating shops.

Table-top broiling and roasting

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ience of a table-top broiler, the excitement of a sputtering rotary spit, you won't see it that way, and when you taste the food, the cost will count for still less. For proof, try these suggestions.

FOR THE BROILER A well-planned mixed grill can make practically a whole meal, but if this kind of cooking is new to you, keep a few tips in mind. Plan flavor combinations carefully: broiled or roasted viands come to the table with a minimum of alteration in their original taste, so that the decision as to what-shall-go-withwhat is much more critical than it would be if you were planning, say, a casserole dinner. Even with an all-grill entree, remember the appetite stimulating trick (good for any meal) of including a separate green vegetable. When it comes to grilling, remember most of the firm vegetables like potatoes, onions, carrots, and the like, should be parboiled first, then along with softer foods like tomatoes, fruits, etc., put into the broiler when the meat is half done. (Some cooks, incidentally, like to put rice and corn in the broiler pan under the meat to absorb the meat juices.) Finally, when it comes to timing, remember that the characteristics of different meats vary: liver, kidnevs, bacon and sausage, for instance, will require less cooking than a chop or a slice of ham.

Here, to get down to brase tacks, are some grill combinations that you can try as is, or make your own variations on:

English grill: The traditional English grill includes lamb chops, pork sausage, lamb kidney, bacon, and a handful of pickled walnuts. If, like many Americans, you find this too much meat at one sitting, you can break it down to chops, kidney, and a broiled tomato.

Ham steak: With pineapple slices spread with butter and dusted with sugar and cinnamon, precooked halved sweet potatoes.

Chicken livers: Wrapped with bacon; apple slices, canned or precooked, and thick onion slices that have been parboiled in salted water until crisp-cooked.

Pork chops: Thick precooked potato slices spread with butter or margarine; canned peach halves, drained; 1/2 teaspoon of butter in the center, and a dusting of nutmeg.

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With the rotisserie or rotisserietype of broiler unit, the test of the cook lies in the creation of the basting and barbecue sauces. Top gourmets differ sharply over these sauces, dividing themselves into two schools of thought: one says use basting sauce in preparation, use the barbecue sauce for serving; the other school trembles in gustatorial horror at this suggestion, says the barbecue sauce is the thing and it should be used as a baster itself, as well as served with the meal. Diplomatically, we'll go on record as favoring the me of both sauces.

Basting sauce: Combine 1/3 cup of lemon juice with 34 cup of olive or salad oil, 1/4 teaspoon of pepper, I teaspoon salt, two or three drops of Tabasco sauce, and 1/2 teaspoon of your choice of dried herb (orégano, thyme, marjoram). Stir before each basting, stir often and baste often. You msy find that 1 cup of basting sauce is not enough, but the proportions are simple enough so that you can quickly mix up a quarter or a half batch and proceed with the basting.

Barbecue sauce: To 1 cup of chili sauce or tomato catsup add 1/4 cup lemon juice or vinegar, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, I teaspoon grated onion, a garlic clove, and 1/4 teaspoon of dried herb (orégano, marjoram, or thyme). Place in an uncovered saucepan and simmer on very low heat while the meat is cooking. Serve hot in a pitcher or pour over each serving.

There are others who swear by a basic tomato sauce fired with red-hot spice or condiment. It's best to experiment a while.

The Middle East method of barbecuing meat can be done easily on the rotisserie with a skewer. This type of barbecuing is well known, and the only word of suggestion we will insert is that the pieces of meat and the other ingredients should be cut large enough so that the skewer does not split them as they are being strung, or during the cooking. Meat should be at least 2" square and about 1/2" thick. It is a good idea to marinate meat rather than use fresh lamb or beef. The marinade can be a garlicky French dressing or (to be completely untraditional) a combination of red wine, vinegar, onion slices, salt, pepper, and garlic.

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limited and unimportant, give it a bright contrasting color. Often when stone or somber brick composes a large part of a house, its drabness can be minimized during gray days by painting the adjoining walls a full, rich color. Such sharp clean contrast will add luminosity to any house located where sunny days are few and far between. Houses of disjointed design can be unified by a single tone on walls and details and, where possible, a coat of the same color, slightly darker, on its roof. Details should only be sharply accented if they are especially attractive and add generally to the allover effect of the design. Otherwise they tend to give a spotty, disturbing appearance. A bright accent on the front door is a definite asset when a house has been given a light monochromatic coating of paint.

If you insist on white for your allover house color-and, if recent surveys are correct, many homeowners will-have good cheer because the new white paint available has self-cleaning properties. All paint chalks to a certain degree, although the amount of chalking is now controlled to a large extent. White has this faculty more than other colors but may be used today to good advantage since the chalking now mixes with the dirt on the wall surface, and both are washed off during rainy weather. After each rainfall, therefore, your house will look as good as new. Actually, a certain amount of chalking is welcome on most walls since it leaves a more receptive surface for a future coat.

combinations, if the trim and details are to be accented-be sure that your house will look its best all year long. Don't make it just a six months' beauty. You're certain to get the color you wantthe guesswork has been taken out of paint mixing today and there's no reason for not expressing your own personality on the outside of your home. For the contemporary minded-those who feel that modern design can best be expressed by showing the natural grain of the exterior wood-think carefully before applying oldfashioned, dreary finishes, Remember that those softening trees, which surround and add attractiveness to your design during warm seasons, look stark after [Continued on page 125]



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the leaves have already fallen. The paint research which has been done in the recent past has made it possible to rely on a house that is colorful and attractive year in and year out. The control laboratories of the paint companies have doubled their efforts to make paints more durable, more stable. Vehicles and colorants have been improved; nonfading character colors have been produced to satisfy the most discriminating. Stain manufacturers have kept pace, too. Now there are stains that will age your wood naturally and evenly if you wish; others will keep their original finishes as fresh and new as the day your house was built; and if you want to intensify the color of your wood without losing the beauty of its grain, pigment stains are available in almost any color.

DOING THE JOB YOURSELF

If you plan to paint your own house-and more homeowners are doing this every day-the job will be a far greater pleasure and the results happier if you follow these procedures. Always buy your paint from a reliable dealer. If you're striving for an unusual color combination, let him show you the infinite range possible at his color bar, or on the prepared color charts.

These he can mix easily, and with the precision of a chemist, right then and there. If in doubt about the quality of a paint recommended, look over a few houses recently finished with this product, question the owners and get their reactions. After thorough investigation, make your choice, Price should play no part in your selection since quality today will last years longer than those of yesteryear. Your decision should rest entirely on reputation and performance. A quality paint is important when you consider that a good paint will last, under average conditions, from six to eight years.

Before actually tackling a paint job, remove shutters, trellises and mailboxes; protect shrubbery with cloth or canvas. Where peeling has occurred on the old paint, you may be sure there's a leak somewhere. Check carefully, find the cause, and repair. Moisture or water remaining in the wood is certain to [Continued on page 126] ave on every tu

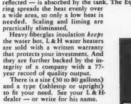
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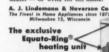
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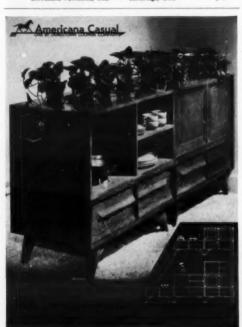


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weaken even the best paint job. Wash off any grease that may have accumulated on the surface with paint thinner and then. using a scraping knife, remove loose paint. Sand down imperfections with #2 or #21/2 sandpaper. Rust stains around leaders, gutters or metal screens indicate a breakdown in the paint surface of these details and should be remedied before applying any wall paint. Unless this is done, these stains will recur and are almost impossible to remove.

For your ladder, select a lightweight metal model, easy to carry and store, and always place it at an angle against the wall with the base 14 to 1/3 the height of the ladder from the house. If, at times, the ladder must rest on a smooth surface, place safety ladder shoes, made for this purpose, under its base. If these aren't available, tie the ladder securely to the wall itself. If the ladder must rest on grass, set it on a wide board instead.

Take the project in easy stages-paint one wall at a time! It won't matter how long you take to finish the job, it may even be a year-these new nonfading paints will make the difference in tone between each side hardly noticeable, Anyway, no' I shading and variation * and shadow always tent. ' " e the intensities of each s. color. Always select a side that is not being subjected to the hot sun's rays. Tackle the east wall during the spring, the north side in summer, the west wall in late summer, and the south side a month or so later. In this way, you can start at any time during the year, take your time, and he a healthier, happier man when the job's finished. Although the general rule is one coat of prime and two finishing coats, under certain conditions, the north and east walls which aren't subjected to continuous, hot sunshine may only require a single finishing coat. Always use a primer as an undercoat, mixing it with a small amount of the finish paint if color is to be used. Follow the manufacturer's directions and be sure that the paint is thoroughly stirred before application. Then pour into a six-quart paint pot and hang, by means of a pothook, on a convenient rung of the ladder. For exterior work a good 31/2-inch flat wall brush is best.

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Remember that no paint job can be successful if there is dampness in the air or on the walls.

Start at the top and work down, first dusting off the last stubborn dirt with a cloth, then applying your primer only on areas within easy reach. The paint should just hide the surface, be neither too thin nor too thick and all edges should be left uneven to minimize lap marks. Paint the undersides of siding or shingles first and follow with fast long strokes on the surface of the wood in the direction of its grain. It is sometimes wise to paint the trim as you go along and, if this is of another color, you'll need an extra paint pot hanging to your ladder. For windows you'll need a sash tool, a 11/2-inch brush especially made for the purpose. Protect the glass with either a piece of cardboard or a metal shield. There are many commercial products that help keep paint from spattering over the glass when doing this more delicate operation. Be certain to wipe the shield after each application. If you really want to do a neat job, cover each pane with a piece of newspaper, cut to fit exactly, held firmly in place by strips of masking tape.

When the undercoat is drythis may take from two days to a week, depending on the weather-putty up nail holes and cracks with glazing compound, using a putty knife to smooth out the surface. The finishing paint is applied exactly like the primer. Be sure that enough paint has been thoroughly mixed to cover an entire wall. If you must stop work before complete coverage of wall, end your painting against some definite edge, a window frame or corner board, to eliminate lap marks. Pour any leftover paint back into the manufacturer's container, being sure to pour over it a quarter-inch of thinner if you don't plan to start again for quite a while. Shutters, trellises and other removable parts should be painted before being put back in place. Paint these in a garage or ventilated workshop to insure dryness.

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Q. Will you kindly tell me if there is a special paint for steel window sash? We painted ours about three times in the last two years, but it cracks and scales in a few months, Mrs. B. J.

A. Any good oil paint will de a satisfactory job on stee sash, but it must be applied ele sash, but it must be applied properly. The steel must be sand-papered, degreased, and thoughly dry before painting. If your sash is black, an alternative is black asphaltum, often used on ironwork.

Q. Our chimney is unlined, which I understand is dangerous. Can I have terra-cotta or metal flue lining dropped in from the roof to make a lining? Will this be very expensive? H. K.

A. Unless you have had trouble with the flue, or smell smoke upstairs in the house, the chances are that your chimney is perfectly all right. There are about two million old houses in this country with unlined, brick chimneys.

Q. Because there is practically no overhang to our roof, rain has made a ditch along our house foundation. Grass does not grow there and shrubs are doing poorly. What can you suggest other than installing gutters and headers which we cannot afford? S. K.

A. Move the sbrubs out from the foundation about two feet. Cut a clean line along the outside of the strip ruined by the rain, and just don't try to have a lawn there. This looks perfectly well as long as you have a clean line where the lawn stops.

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A. The first thing to do is to trim the tree, cutting off all heavy arms and branches on the low side. These may be pulling the tree over. You can also have one or two stee cables attached to the tree. These should be attached and anchored so they pull away from the house.

Q. Please tell me if it is possible to repair the body of a vase that broke into eight pieces. These pieces fell on the rug but the edges are clean and unshattered. J. M. L.

A. You can do an excellent job with Major's cement or Du Pont cement. Set the base on a table and cement the first ring of broken pieces. Secure these tightly in place with Scotch tape and let them set hard. Then cement the next pieces and fasten them, and so on, right up to the neck. Don't try to do the whole thing at once; build it up gradually.

Q. Can you give me a positive cure for termites, or tell me where I can get authoritative information about them? A. M.

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n music, as in everything else, there is no accounting for taste. This was proved to me clearly all over again one evening not long ago at a gathering of friends where Schubert's Nachthelle or Clear Night was played. This is one of a group of nine works for male chorus, recorded on a Vox LP by the Akademie Kammerchor, under the sensitive direction of Ferdinand Grossmann. It is not a controversial, modern work in an unfamiliar idiom, but rather a melodious work by a generally accepted composer. Yet, when the work was discussed, there were violent opposed feelings about it. Such varying tastes are to be expected in any group (test your own friends) and often, as with this work, where they are least expected.

Musical tastes (and biases, if you will) are formed over the years of listening. They should, however, always be kept in the formative process. For this reason, while listening to works we know intimately and like, we should also keep our ears open to music of all sorts.

In line with this conviction, I am devoting this month's column to music of widely differing types, to music, I hope, as you like it.

The Chopin enthusiast can revel in the fact that all nineteen of that composer's Nocturnes have now been recorded by the pianist Artur Rubinstein, on two long playing records issued by Victor. Rubinstein is most at home in the romantic style of the "poet of the piano," so that the listener is assured of authoritative performances, in spite of an occasional harsh tone quality from the upper register of the piano.

Seven arias from six Puccini operas have been most affectingly recorded by the soprano Dorothy Kirsten, assisted by the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera Association under Fausto Cleva. Included on this ten-inch Columbia LP disc are such favorites as Vissi d'arte from Tosea, and Un bel di, vedremo from Madame Butterfly, as well as less familiar arias from Manon Lescaut, Gianni Schieci, La Rondine and Turandot.

Modern music can almost always be counted on to raise the blood pressure in some quarters. For example, should you find the conversation lagging during a gathering at your house one evening, you might put on the recording of a work called Ionization, by the modern composer, Edgard Varese, This is a rather "unusual" composition (to put it mildly) for thirty-five percussion instruments! It is beautifully recorded on an EMS long playing disc by the Juilliard Percussion Orchestra under Frederic Waldman, together with several other works by the same composer, for different combinations of percussion and wind instruments. The variety of rhythms and of instrumental sounds will be matched by the variety of your guest's reactions.

For those who have been reluctant to venture into the awesome realm of chamber music (an unnecessarily forbidding name) may I suggest listening to Schubert's very melodious Octet, Opus 166. This is a halfway point between chamber music and music for small orchestra, since it was composed for string quartet, plus clarinet, bassoon, horn, and double bass. It is beautifully performed on a fine new Westminster LP recording by the Vienna Konzerthaus Quartet and assisting artists.

Lovers of the music of Gustav Mahler can thank the advent of the long-playing record for make ing accessible so many of the composer's longer works, since he was so often fond of working of large canvasses. Vanguard by issued a wonderfully lifelike to cording on two LPs of the con plete song cycle, The Your, Magic Horn, in excellent formances by the mezzo-sopru Lorna Sydney and the baring Alfred Poell, with the View State Opera Orchestra w Felix Prohaska. To me, din beautiful and imaginative represent Mahler at his best, the album is a gem, in spite of an occasional difficulty with pink on Miss Sydney's part.

The early Italian compose Antonio Vivaldi, who is has known for his violin musis, a represented by a most ingratising vocal work, Dixit, a setting of A Psalm of David. It is will performed and recorded on a Period LP, by the chorus, solains, and chamber orchestra of the Scuola Veneziana under Aagale Ephrikian.

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Here, then, are several different types of music for many different people. If you want to have you particular musical tastes airod, send me a letter or card addressed in care of LFYH. From time to time I'd like to devote a column to suggestions and questions from readers. It should prove interesing and worth-while for all of m. If you want an enduring gift...
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